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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS ON ANNIVERSARY OF OUTBREAK OF
SOWETO RIOTS

IN FRANK DISCUSSION MAY 17, SOWETO POLICE COMMISSIONER
BRIGADIER JAN VISSER TOLD CONGEN AND POLOFF THAT, WHILE SOWETO
SUPERFICIALLY CALM, HE BELIEVED THERE WERE STRONG SUB-CURRENTS
OF DISCONTENT AND PROTEST WHICH COULD PRODUCE DEMONSTRATIONS
AND PERHAPS SOME VIOLENCE ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF OUTBREAK
OF SOWETO RIOTS JUNE 16. ESPECIALLY WORRISOME WERE INCREASING
DISCOVERIES BY POLICE OF ARMS CACHES IN SOWETO. ONE DISCOVERY
WITHIN PAST WEEK INCLUDED MODERN EAST-BLOCK 9MM. HAND OR HIP
GUN, "STILL PACKED IN GREASE." HE BELIEVED GUN-RUNNING TO BE
FROM MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH NATAL PROVINCE.
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